## FRANCHISE GRABBERS ARE LOOKING FOR "TALL TIMBER."

Action of Officials in Union Railway Case Causes Panic Among Those Holding Streets Without Service.

The board of estimate and appor- | public is deprived of its transit facilitionment is hot on the trail of the franchise grabbers. Tall timber for theirs is the word from now to Jan. 1, when new members take their seats.

The Union Railway Company is hunting for a loophole to crawl out of paying a penalty of \$1,000 exacted by the board for its failure to build atts spur connecting the Macombs Dam Bridge route with the surface cars on Central venue which run into Eighth avenue They are also wondering if they will have to build the spur within six months, as required by the board at its meeting yesterday.

Counsel for the company admitted That the road had no use for the street franchise when it applied for it years ago, and said they wanted to retain it climply because with the present out-Horse cars exist to-day in New York for the same reason. The compinies operating them do not hesitate to admit they run the horse-par lines to keep their franchises alive. That is also the reason for parallel lines in the Bowery and Amsterdien avenue and many rusty tracks imbedded in the pavements of

### cide streets. Bar Others Out.

"The trouble is these people have asked for franchises long before they needed them," said Comptroller Grout. "They expected the privileges to be come valuable some day, and applied for them without any intention of giving the service for which their franbehises were granted.

"Pake the case of the Ocean Electric Rallway. It has a franchise for an extension of its line over a portion of Park avenue. This is only a few bundred feet, but it opens up traffic with a lange territory, and no other company can do business there as long as that link is held by the Ocean Elec-

This was said by the Comptroller to counsel for the company who was engaged at the time arguing a motion for more time in which to build the extencion. He said the company had made errangements with the Rockaway Electric company to opera e its line over the tracks of the Rockaway company for a short distance, thus for the present do ing away with the necessity for imme diate action.

He also said he was having trouble setting the necessary permit for the extension, and argued that the road was not immediately needed, so no damoge could accrue to the public by the

"That is just the trouble," said Mr. "We are asked to perperua e a right that somebody might be able to use, and which you will not obligate yourself to use immediately, in order that you may have it in case you should find at any time that it is valuable to you, and in the meantime the public is debarred from granting the same right to any one else, no matter in desirable lengths, to be box much it might be able to gain in closed out facilities for transportation or in money for the grant.

"It is high time this board established a precedent against this sort of thing. There are miles and miles of railroad in the streets of New York that are held under the same conditions. The companies do not care to use them. in a great variety of styles but are holding them with the idea that come in and get the privilere, and the

## WOMAN A SUICIDE BY TURNING ON GAS

Elizabeth Wood Made a Couch in Kitchen and Opened Jets in Stove.

The police reported to-day the suicide of Miss Elizabeth Word, of No. 492 Menhattan avenue, in her home last night. She kept house in a top floor apartment for her brother. Joseph, a dry goods salesman.

The brother had to work late last night, and when he returned to the apartment house at 11 o'clock he was met by the janitor, who fold him that gas was escaping from his flat. He hurried upstairs and burst open the

door.

He found his sister, who was forty years old, dead on the kitchen floor. She had taken the parlor rugs and a sofa cushion, making herself a couch on the kitchen floor. Then she had turned on all the burners in the stove and the gas jets, after fastening the doors and windows. She had been dead an hour when found.

### MURDERED MAN IN NEGRO'S CABIN

Tenant of Hut Disappears After Telephoning Story of Suicide.

KINGSTON, N. Y. Dec. 6.—Oscar Harrison, twenty-three years old waite, was yesterday found in a negro cabin with his head crushed in by a

hammer.

Harrison was somewhat wild. He left home to live with Cornell Van Tassell, a negro. Oscar was advised by his father to inform the authorities what he knew concerning the negro stealing sharing.

The negro telephoned Harrison's father that his son and committed suicide by pulson. The negro disappeared when the father had started the milder.

granted six months upon its agreement to be thereby estopped from asking or receiving additional extensions. The next case that came up was that

of the Union Railway Company, and

the precedent was established by soakthe precedent was established by soaking them a thousand plunks.

Charles Mellen was waiting his turn to be heard for several railroad companies, but thought better of it. He asked for delay. "I think two weeks will be enough," said Mr. Mellen, with heavy accent on the think. "I also hope by that time that the Court of Appeals will have handed down a decision in the case involving the right of this board to grant franchises." He did not say what he hoped the court will have decided.

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